

Washington State Ferries

Bicycle Permit Program

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Washington State Ferries



Welcome aboard

Washington State Ferries!

Our Bicycle Permit Program

has been developed to

assist the growing number

of bicyclists using the ferries

as a means of getting to and

from work or bicycling

for pleasure.

A Safety Reminder:

WSF supports safe cycling. Under Washington State law, bicycles are vehicles and are required to obey all laws applicable to motor vehicles. Please ride legally. Stop at stop signs and stoplights. Signal your turns and stops. Do not drive the wrong way down one-way corridors. Do not ride and weave your bicycle through parked traffic at the ferry terminals. Do not ride your bicycle on sidewalks. Ride as close to the right side of the roadway as is safe. You are sharing Washington State Ferry facilities with motorists and pedestrians. Please ride safely.



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Why a Bicycle Permit Program?

The Bicycle Permit Program was developed to promote bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation on Washington State Ferries. We recognize that bicycle commuting lessens traffic congestion, improves air quality and reduces our dependency on fossil fuels.

Who Can Participate in the Bicycle Permit Program?

Anyone with a bicycle can participate in the program. We highly recommend the program for passengers who regularly travel with their bikes aboard the ferries. The more you participate in the program, the greater the savings. This program is not available for the San Juan Islands routes.

What are the benefits of the Bicycle Permit Program?

Developed by WSF and the bicycle community, this program exempts you from paying our bicycle surcharge tariff, which is a \$1 per trip on our Central Sound route. This permit entitles you to ride your bicycle on all Washington State Ferry routes except the Anacortes/San Juans/Sidney route without paying the surcharge. This permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.

What Does It Cost?

There is a \$20 registration fee for each permit issued. Checks or money orders made out to Washington State Ferries are accepted. Credit cards are accepted through Internet registration at **www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/bpp**

How Do I Sign Up for the Bicycle Permit Program?

It's simple! First, read the information in this brochure paying particular attention to the loading and storage of bicycles on Washington State Ferries. Then, you can request your permit online at **www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/bpp** or complete and sign the attached application form, enclose your check or money order and mail to:

Rideshare Registration Program
Washington State Ferries
Revenue Accounting/F699999
PO Box 3985
Seattle, WA 98124-3985



When Will My Permit Arrive?

WSF will mail the permit to the applicant upon verification of the completed application form and receipt of the fee, a process that takes approximately two weeks by mail. WSF encourages you to expedite the application process by registering and making payment online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/bpp

Where Do I Put The Permit?

Along with your initial permit WSF will send you, free of charge, an armband into which your permit can be inserted and scanned at the tollbooth. While the actual bicycle permit may be transferred from one bicycle to another, WSF recommends that you affix to your bicycle, in some way, your permit number, whether this be in the form of a sticker or an attached tag, etc. The permit number helps ferry crews and the Coast Guard identify the owner of any bicycles left onboard the vessel at the end of a sailing or in the event of an emergency.

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Washington State Ferries
Bicycle Permit Program Application

Name:

Home

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

(Optional)

Primary Route

AM Departure:

(Indicate departing terminal)

(Time)

PM Departure:

(Indicate departing terminal)

(Time)

Work/Destination

Name:

Company name

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip:

Phone:

Signature:

Date:

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the WSF bicycle rules outlined in this brochure and am aware that failure to follow them may result in revocation of my Washington State Ferries Bicycle Permit, citations, and possible expulsion from the Washington State Ferry System.

Make Check or Money Order
for \$20 Payable to WSF
for each permit

Mail To:
Rideshare Registration Program
Washington State Ferries
Revenue Accounting/F6999999
P.O. Box 3985
Seattle, WA 98124-3985

Important Notice:

The information presented in this brochure constitutes your rideshare contract with the Washington State Ferries. Please keep a copy for future reference.

Questions? Please Write or Call:

Washington State Ferries
2901 3rd Avenue, Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98121-3014
1-888-808-7977

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Do Program Members Need to Renew Their Membership?

Yes. WSF will mail renewal forms to all permit holders in advance of expiration of their current permit. Please be sure to notify us if you change your mailing address during the year.

Can I Transfer My Permit?

Yes. Bicycle permits can be transferred from one bicycle to another.

And Now, A Few Rules . . .

Purchasing Tickets: Unless otherwise indicated at the terminal, individual bicyclists shall be processed in the same manner as motorists. You may purchase tickets for the **passenger fare** in a variety of ways including at the terminal kiosks, toll booths, online at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/wave2go/>, or at selected retail locations. If you are a frequent commuter WSF encourages you to sign up for a ReValue card which automatically renews your monthly pass. This may be done via the internet at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/wave2go/> In organized, large bicycle groups, it is requested that a single group leader submits a travel schedule and purchase tickets at least one business day prior to the scheduled sailing time.

Bicycle Loading and Off-Loading:

Auto Ferries: Bicycles will load first on most WSF auto ferries unless the group is so large that it requires special loading. Once on board, please proceed to the front (bow) of the vessel unless otherwise directed by the ferry crew. Bicyclists arriving after cars have begun loading will be held in the terminal's bicycle section and loaded last, just prior to departure.

Bicyclists loaded last must secure their bicycles at the back (stern) of the vessel. Once the ferry arrives at its destination, bicyclists will off-load after cars and trucks.

Seattle/Bainbridge Island, Seattle/Bremerton Bicycle Loading and Off-Loading:

One lane on the ferry will be left clear of vehicle traffic as long as possible for a mid-load opportunity, to allow late arrivals to move to the bow of the boat. Once cars begin filling the open lane, bicyclists will be held and loaded last. Late loading bicycles must remain at the stern of the vessel. Please secure your bicycle at the back of the vessel. When the vessel is off loaded bikes secured at the stern will be allowed to unload after the lower outside wings are clear of all vehicles. Any bicyclists missing this opportunity will be off loaded after all vehicles have been off loaded. The mid-load opportunity is not provided on weekdays from 10am - 2pm and 8pm - 4am or on weekends.

Passenger-Only Ferry: Limited bicycle loading on the passenger-only ferry varies depending on the vessel and the time of day. Ask WSF staff for directions if in doubt about the bicycle loading procedure.

Storing Your Bicycle and Gear:

Sometimes, it may be necessary for deck crew to provide directions for securing your bicycle to avoid interference with lines, maintenance work, fire and boat drills, or vessel emergency procedures. Otherwise, bicyclists may secure their equipment by whatever means practical to avoid damage to the bikes and other vehicles in the area. The use of eyebolts on the bulkheads is optional.

Bicycle Shoes

Bicycle shoes with exposed cleats may not be worn in the passenger cabins.

